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FOR MICHAEL B. SMITH

FOL REPEAT OF BOGOTA 3505 TO SECSTATE APR 16

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 3505

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SUBJECT: TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

1. BOGOTA PRESS TODAY CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORIES BASED ON UPI REPORT DATELINED NEW YORK APRIL 15 TO EFFECT THAT LEADERS OF AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS UNION HAD ANNOUNCED "FAILURE" OF US/GOC DISCUSSIONS ON TEXTILES AND RECOMMENDED THAT RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS NOT PURCHASE COLOMBIAN MADE CLOTHING.

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT UNION EITHER (A) UNAWARE OF DECISION TO RESUME DISCUSSION OR (B) IS ENGAGING IN "WAR OF NERVES". IN ANY EVENT ACTION COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE ELEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS AND WE SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO BRIEF UNION IF IN FACT IT IS UNAWARE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. VAKY UNQTE KISSINGER

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